AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 19, 2012

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1531

Introduced by Assembly Member Fuentes

January 23, 2012

An act relating to state claims, *making an appropriation therefor*, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1531, as amended, Fuentes. State claims.

Existing law requires the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board to ensure that all claims that have been approved by the board, and for which there exists no legally available appropriation, are submitted for legislative approval at least twice each calendar year.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to appropriate funds for the payment of claims allowed by the board.

This bill would appropriate \$859,738.51 from various funds to the Executive Officer of the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board to pay claims accepted by the board. The bill would require the Controller, upon the request of the board, in a form prescribed by the Controller, to transfer surcharges and fees from specified Budget Act items of appropriation identified in the bill to Item 1870-001-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2012.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no-yes. Fiscal committee: no-yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate 1 2 funds for the payment of claims against the state approved by the 3 California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board. 4 SECTION 1. (a) The sum of eight hundred fifty-nine thousand 5 seven hundred thirty-eight dollars and fifty-one cents (\$859,738.51) is hereby appropriated from the various funds, as specified in 6 7 subdivision (b), to the Executive Officer of the California Victim 8 Compensation and Government Claims Board for the payment of claims accepted by the board in accordance with the schedule set 9 10 forth in subdivision (b). 11

(b) Pursuant to subdivision (a), claims accepted by the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board shall be paid in accordance with the following schedule:

15 Total for Fund: Public Employees' Health Care Fund (0822)...... \$2,610.33 16 17 Total for Fund: Health Care Deposit Fund (0912) \$23,372.09 18 Total for Fund: Unclaimed Property Fund (0970)\$884.33 19 Total for Fund: Item 2660-001-0042 20 Budget Act of 2012, Program 20.70\$246.00 21 Total for fund: Item 2660-301-0042 22 23 Total for Fund: Item 2740-001-0044 24 25 Total for Fund: Item 5180-111-0001 26 27 Total for Fund: Item 5225-001-0001 28 Budget Act of 2012, Program 25 \$2,250.40 29 Total for Fund: Item 7100-001-0185 30 Budget Act of 2012, Program 21\$481.92 31

SEC. 2. Upon the request of the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board, in a form prescribed by the Controller, the Controller shall transfer surcharges and fees from the Budget Act items of appropriation identified in subdivision (b) of Section 1 of this act to Item 1870-001-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2012. For each Budget Act item of appropriation, this amount shall not exceed the cumulative total

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of the per claim filing fees authorized by subdivision (c) of Section 1 2 905.2 of the Government Code and the surcharge authorized by 3 subdivision (f) of Section 905.2 of the Government Code. For those 4 items in subdivision (b) that do not reflect a Budget Act appropriation, the Controller shall transfer an amount not to exceed the cumulative total of the per claim filing fees authorized by subdivision (c) of Section 905.2 of the Government Code and 8 the surcharge authorized by subdivision (f) of Section 905.2 of the Government Code. This amount shall be transferred for the support 10 of the board reimbursements to Item 1870-001-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2012. The board shall provide a report 11 12 of the amounts recovered pursuant to this authority to the 13 Department of Finance within 90 days of the enactment of this act. 14 SEC. 2.

SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

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In order to-pay *settle* claims against the state and end hardship to claimants as quickly as possible, it is necessary that this bill go into immediate effect.